

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as neighbors and community members, to look out for one another and help keep each other safe from harm; and

WHEREAS, it takes all of us to help make sure that those who need protection get it; and

WHEREAS, dialing DSHS toll free 1-866-ENDHARM makes it easier to protect the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, anyone suspecting that a child is being abused or neglected, should make the call; and

WHEREAS, your actions may save a life; and

WHEREAS, wearing or displaying a blue ribbon in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2003, as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in protecting and nurturing our children.

Signed this 31st day of January, 2003

Gary Locke

Governor Gary Locke